

REMARKS

Claims 8 to 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Matsumoto et al. (US 5,865,265).

Interview Summary

Applicant's representative spoke with the Examiner via telephone on December 3, 2008. The Examiner identified certain subject matter of the application that may be patentable and invited us to file a Supplemental Amendment.

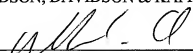
In light of the conversation with the Examiner, independent claims 8 and 14 have been amended and new claim 15 has been added. Support is found in paragraphs [0017] to [0029] of the specification. It is respectfully submitted that the claims of the present application as currently submitted are allowable. Withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of claims 8 to 14 is respectfully requested.

Reconsideration of the application based on the following is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

The present application is respectfully submitted as being in condition for allowance and applicants respectfully request such action.

Respectfully submitted,
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